EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-27 ADOPTION OF THE ARIZONA MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §§ 26-301 through 26-318 assign certain responsibilities and authorities for disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-305, there is established within the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs the Division of Emergency Management, which is administered by the Department under the authority of the Adjutant General, subject to powers vested in the Governor as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Adjutant General has delegated to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management the responsibility to prepare for and coordinate those emergency management activities that may be required to reduce the impact of disasters on persons or property; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this responsibility, the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, in coordination with the State Hazard Mitigation Committee, has developed the State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies hazards that threaten Arizona's citizens and property, and identifies and prioritizes projects to reduce or eliminate the threats; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona must adopt a State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan compliant with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to be eligible for certain disaster assistance funding;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby order the adoption of and adherence to the State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and direct the following:

- 1. The Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management shall maintain and update this plan periodically, but no less than once every three years.
- 2. The Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management shall implement the plan to reduce or eliminate threats to Arizona's citizens and property.
- 3. State agencies serving on the State Hazard Mitigation Committee shall participate in an annual review and update of the plan.
- 4. All state agencies shall support the implementation of the plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ____ day of October in the Year Two Thousand Four and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State